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We believe time might be ripe when we could profitably ask Canadian Government to review extent its trade with Cuba. (Canadian reporting from of Habana ~~is~~ great value to ~~us~~ us, and we would not intend propose suspension diplomatic relations.) We are seeking most ~~appropriate~~ appropriate moment make approach, and we welcome your advice as to whether Canadian reaction to East Star incident provides suitable ~~x~~ opportunity approach Canadian Government and suggest ~~suspend~~ suspension all trade with Cuba except Canadian export foods and medicines. Please include your estimate current volume Canadian export industrial goods to Cuba.

End.

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